

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-11 and 14 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the revised drawings, the cross section of the batteries in Figures 9 and 11 have been changed to show a hollow composite shell instead of a solid metal. Figures 1-8 and 10 have not been amended, but are presented in better form for publication.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 8-13, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas (Patent No. US 3,557,895) in view of Huang et al. (Patent No. US 6,343,015). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 4, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been cancelled. Claim 2, 3 and 8-11 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 5. In light of the foregoing amendments, the rejection should be considered moot and its withdrawal is respectfully requested. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

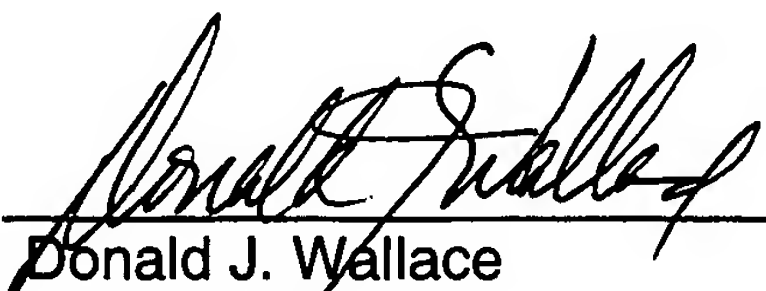
ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-7 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 5-7 and 14 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 3 and 8-11 have been amended to depend from the allowable claims. Therefore, claims 2, 3, 5-11 and 14 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 944-6522.

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